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Powers of Government over doctors employed in Local Fund dispensaries.

* 1263 *Q.*—SRI G. RAMA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state what powers and functions the Government exercise in respect of Local Fund dispensaries and hospitals in connexion with the appointments and transfers of doctors, grants of subsidies to hospitals and general control?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY:—

Appointments and Transfers.

" Under the rules, the District Medical Officer, has to be consulted by the district board before any private medical practitioner is appointed as Local Fund Medical Officer. In the case of a Government Medical Officer lent for service, the District Board can make the appointment in consultation with the Director of Medical Services. The Government have power to grant exemption in the case of private medical practitioners from the prescribed age-limit for appointment as medical officers under Local Boards.

" Transfer of Medical officers can be done only in consultation with the District Medical Officer or the Director of Medical Services, as the case may be.

Grants and subsidies.

" The Government are now paying the following grants to Local Fund and Municipal hospitals and dispensaries:—

(1) Percentage contribution towards the salaries of medical officers employed in the institutions opened before 9th March 1915 as under—

(1)	Government Medical officers lent to local bodies. (2)	Assistant Surgeons under Local Board and Municipal Service. (3)	Sub-Assistant Surgeons under Local Board and Municipal Service. (4)
(*a*) Local Fund medical institutions ..	15	22½	10
(*b*) Municipal medical institutions ..	10	17½	5

(2) Half the maintenance cost of medical institutions opened between 9th March 1915 and 17th April 1928.

(3) Building and equipment grants for medical institutions up to a maximum of half of the cost on works approved by Government.

(4) The Government meet the expenditure on the pay and allowances of Government Medical officers in all taluk headquarters institutions."